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TAGS: ASEC OVIP (YAMANI, ZAKI) US, SA

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF SAUDI MINISTER OF PETROLEUM

REF: JIDDA 2634 (SY CHANNEL)

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN COORDINATING YAMANI VISIT CLOSELY WITH ARAMCO SINCE YAMANI WILL BE IN WASHINGTON ALSO TO ATTEND ARAMCO BOARD MEETING. WE ARE REQUESTING, AS WE HAVE DONE DURING HIS PREVIOUS PRIVATE VISITS, THAT HE BE DESIGNATED AS OFFICIAL GUEST OF US DURING TERM OF HIS VISIT FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC LAW 92-539, WHICH WOULD MAKE ANY INJURY TO HIS PERSON OR PROPERTY A FEDERAL OFFENSE, BUT WE WERE NOT PLANNING TO UNDERTAKE UNUSUAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. EXCEPT FOR YAMANI'S VISIT IN DECEMBER 1973 AT HEIGHT OF OIL EMBARGO, WE HAVE NOT GIVEN HIM SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION. HE HAS SINCE BEEN IN US ON AT LEAST FOUR OCCASIONS. EACH TIME WE HAVE ALERTED LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES TO MAKE SURE THERE WAS ADEQUATE PROTECTION, BUT WE HAVE NOT ASSIGNED HIM A SECURITY DETAIL.

2. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY THREATS AGAINST YAMANI. HAS SAG HEARD OF ANY THREATS? HAS YAMANI SPECIFICALLY RAISED SUBJECT OF SPECIAL SECURITY PROTECTION WITH EMBASSY OR HAS SECRET

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EMBASSY DISCUSSED MATTER WITH HIM RECENTLY? IF YOU HAVE
NOT DONE SO, YOU SHOULD NOT RAISE IT WITH HIM NOW BUT
LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE FURTHER JUSTIFICATION FOR
RECOMMENDING SPECIAL SECURITY COVERAGE. KISSINGER

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